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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 15, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on March 15, 2006, and is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continuing Examination being filed concurrently herewith, along with a one-month Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: